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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7382 BILL NUMBER: SB 424 **DATE PREPARED:** Apr 5, 2001 **BILL AMENDED:** Apr 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Indiana Grain Indemnity Program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> (Amended) This bill eliminates the distinction between a producer and a new producer for the purpose of the Indiana Grain Indemnity Fund. The bill provides that a person who sells seed may not charge a fee in excess of the purchase price unless the fee is charged to all buyers of the seed.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Currently, new producers who sign up for the Indiana Grain Indemnity Fund are subject to a two-year audit of their operations, production, and sales. Staff at the Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency conduct the audits. Eliminating the distinction between a producer and a new producer will reduce costs to the Agency. The specific impact will depend on the number of new producers that sign up for the program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

<u>Information Sources:</u> John Steinhart, Deputy Director, Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency, (317) 232-1361.

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